

Application No. 10/659,806
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Response to Office Action of September 12, 2005

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2005. Claims 1, 5, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 24 and 25 have been amended. Claims 4 and 12 have been canceled. New Claims 27-29 have been added. Claims 1-3, and 5-11, and 13-29 remain pending. Support for the claim amendment can be found throughout the specification and the claims and specifically in Claims 1, 4, 11, 19 and 26.

The Office Action indicated that Claims 14-18 and 20-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 1 has now been amended to include the elements from Claim 4. Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form and now includes the elements of Claim 1. Claim 19 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 1. Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form and now includes elements from Claims 11 and 19. As the Office Action states the prior art of record does not teach or suggest in general liquid cleaning composition containing the specific components required in Claims 4-18, and 20-23. Therefore, it is believed that the amended claims are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

Summary

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is kindly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' primary attorney-of-record, Anneliese Seifert, at (651) 795-5661, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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